

Guidance Counselor

Vs.

School Counselor

What's in a Name? Why the Change?

Guidance Counselors focused on vocational guidance.	School Counselors focus on academic, career, and social/emotional development.
Guidance Counselors worked in isolation within schools.	School Counselors work with teachers, parents, administrators, outside counseling agencies, and other stakeholders.
Guidance Counselors did not have set standards for practice.	The American School Counseling Association released the ASCA National Model: A Framework for School Counseling Programs in 2002.
Guidance Counselors worked mostly at the high school level with few students.	School Counselors are educators trained to work with all students, K-12.